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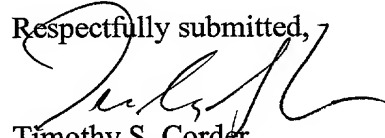
Dear Sirs:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a 16-page patent specification, including 3 claims and an abstract. The specification and drawings constitute the application of Austin M. Long, III and Craig J. Nickels.

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